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BROOKHART WANTS PUBLICITY

Senator Smith W. Brookhart, of Iowa, who has been on a trip to Russia, is reported to have hurried to the White House upon his return and avidly urged recognition of the Soviet government, by the United States.

Just what Smith Wildman saw in Soviet Russia to cause him to urge recognition of the Red republic, has not been stated, but it is safe to say that Mr. Brookhart was not shown the millions of festering corpses of men, women and children shot down by the Reds; of plundered churches, looted homes and stores, and the thousands of farms lying idle because the farmers will not produce crops to be seized by the Soviet armies. The Senator undoubtedly saw the glitter of Lenin's court without investigating whether it were brass or precious metal. He saw only what Russia desired him to see, and it was good, according to his standards.

America should recognize the head hunter of Borneo; the wildmen of Australia, or some other people with a code of morals that can be improved by civilization, but Russian is too far below the scale to come in contact with civilized nations.

NO CAUSE FOR ALARM

We believe our citizens are unduly alarmed over the reported attempt to reinstate Frederick Mears as head of the government railroad. We believe that our recent visitors have seen too many evidences of waste along the right-of-way to be blinded to the difference between the present head and his predecessor. We believe the citizens of Anchorage are too canny to force an issue which cannot but work harm to all the district embraced by the railroad. They know that any pretext afford by squabbles between the government heads and the citizens of Alaska will result in losing any further appropriations, which at the present time would be a calamity. The congressional party baldly stated that congress was tired of giving money to the Alaska railroad, and having it expended for other purposes, and that an investigation would be demanded at the coming session of congress. We do not want this. We want the railroad; we must have the railroad; no matter what ever else is taken from us. It behooves us to stand behind whatever official is at the head

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The Standard Oil Company is employing a large force of men on construction of its plant on the waterfront. From all appearances these tanks should be erected and ready to do business within the next sixty days. When this occurs we may look to see a large volume of trade with vessels which never call in to this port at the present time for lack of fueling facilities. Heretofore Cordova and Latouche has handled the oil business of this section, but from now on Seward will undoubtedly be the port handling the bulk of the oil business.

A new cold storage concern is said to be planning to enter Seward. Parties were in Seward this week looking over the field with the view to establishing a new meat market, a restaurant man is planning to open up a large first-class lunch room; and if some newspaper plant would only drop into an already overcrowded field the town could settle down to a short era of prosperity.

NEAR RACE RIOT AT SITKA

The Sitka papers state that while a gentleman of color was fishing in Long Lake near that place, "cotechin" a few of dem dar graylin' fish," he was rudely interrupted by a white "gemmun" who started pulling out the fishing gear. When the dust settled the white man had a black eye and was yelling for help; the colored man had a white eye, and red eye flowed freely before the fracas was settled.

CHANGING TUNNEL

The work of changing the railway tunnel at Chitina to an open cut, is progressing slowly on account of a strata of frozen gravel. Water has been piped from two gulches and the intake has been flumed 400 feet.

FOREST FIRES RAGING

Owing to dry weather forest fires have been raging near Chitina. The region is well timbered and a good refuge for fur bearers. The fires are at Mile 114 on the government railroad.

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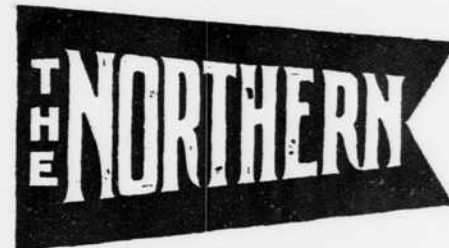
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